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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN INTEREST IN RECENT VANCE/GROMYKO TALKS
ON MIDDLE EAST

1. DURING ROY ATHERTON'S VISIT, FONMIN KAMEL ASKED ABOUT ANY DISCUSSIONS SECRETARY VANCE MAY HAVE HAD WITH GROMYKO DURING RECENT MOSCOW TALKS. APART FROM BRIEF REFERENCE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE (USINFO 221930Z), WE COULD PROVIDE NO INFORMATION.

2. LAST EVENING MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT ATHERTON MEETING, TOLD ME THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR POLYAKOV HAS PROVIDED DETAILED BRIEFING ON MIDDLE EAST ASPECTS OF MOSCOW TALKS. GHALI INDICATED THAT BOTH KAMEL AND HE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE ALSO PROVIDED A BRIEFING ON WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SAID IN MOSCOW ON THE MIDDLE EAST. ACCORDING TO GHALI, SADAT HAS ASKED IF ANY REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE USG ON THE SUBJECT.

3. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PROVIDE EGYPTIANS WITH OUR VERSION OF MIDDLE EAST ASPECTS OF MOSCOW TALKS. OTHERWISE SOVIET VERSION WILL BE THE ONLY ONE THEY HAVE.
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